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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON UKRAINIAN DEMILITARIZATION PROPOSAL

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[1](#)B. HARDIMAN 5/15 E-MAIL

[1](#)1. (SBU) Embassy on May 14 delivered ref A demarche regarding the GOU's weapon demilitarization proposal to Kateryna Bila of the MFA Arms Control Directorate. Copies of the ATF-generated slides, which superimposed US requirements for complete weapons demil on the original GOU images, and of the NAMSA demil cost estimates (ref B) were provided to Bila to supplement our non-paper. As per instructions, we also gave NAMSA representative Steve Brown a briefing on our position. Embassy will provide MFA with an informal translation of our non-paper for onward transmission within GOU to other involved Ministries (MoD, MoI.)

[1](#)2. (SBU) Bila indicated that MFA would share the documents with MoD and MoI technical experts and would provide a response once they had evaluated the information. She also reiterated the MFA request that an ATF representative travel to Ukraine to allow for direct expert-to-expert discussions on this issue, citing the upcoming Non-Pro Working Group (NPWG) meeting in Kyiv (date TBD) as a good vehicle for this exchange. Embassy supports the MFA request and asks that Department seek inclusion of an ATF representative in the US NPWG delegation.
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